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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT B

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The technique consists of coating at most 50% of the surface of the nanoparticles with a monolayer of surfactant molecules immediately after the aggregates have been broken down by the mechanical milling action and the surfaces of the nanoparticulates desorbed. When a monolayer of surfactant molecules is adsorbed onto the surface of the adsorbent, the atomic radius of surface atoms in contact with the adsorbate increases, sometimes by as much as 20%, and these adsorbent atoms are no

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